

I am writing as a subscriber to XM radio. I listen to the XM system while I commute to and from work and find the traffic and weather to be the most useful feature of this system. For years I tried to get traffic reports on the radio as I leave work but the reports come very infrequently and inevitably I am already stuck in traffic by the time the radio stations inform me that there is a traffic problem on my route! The continuous nature of XM traffic reporting is such that I can easily find out what the traffic situation is before I get out of the parking garage and can decide what route to take. I have found the traffic and weather reporting to be much better than that available from the radio stations and would be upset if XM was not allowed to broadcast it. It is one reason why I am willing to pay for radio.

I also listen to XM radio music stations and enjoy the variety I have available. This is another reason I am willing to pay for radio service. The commercial stations simply do not provide enough variety in a market as small as St. Louis. I also travel extensively throughout the country and enjoy being able to listen to the same stations consistently as I travel. This is not possible with conventional radio broadcasts, where the stations fade out and change as you move.

I respectfully urge that you reject the National Association of Broadcaster's petition 04-160 attempting to stop XM from broadcasting radio and traffic information. I find their service to be extremely valuable and would consider it a great loss if they were forced to discontinue. Also, I would find it an insult to my constitutional rights to access to this service. They should be allowed to compete against the local broadcasters.

Sincerely,

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